THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

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WRIT PETITION No.20843 OF 2005

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Dt: 23.09.2005

Between:

P.V. Naga Raju

.. Petitioner

AND

Secretary, Regional Transport Authority,

Prakasam District at Ongole.

.. Respondent

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ORDER:

The petitioner is the owner of a bus and he applied for grant of pucca stage carriage permit to ply the bus on town service from Kasipuram Cross Road to Hajipuram Bus Stop. The RTA, Ananthapur, granted the permit in its meeting held on 27.07.1999, directing the respondent herein to issue the permit on production of valid records on or before 14.02.2000

The purport of the order is that the existing vehicle has to be replaced. The petitioner contends that on account of financial and other difficulties, he could not get alternative vehicle and as such was not able to produce the valid records within the stipulated time. He seeks extension of time that was fixed by the respondent.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Transport.

A perusal of the order, dated 27.07.1999, passed by the respondent, discloses that he granted four months time for production of valid records from the date of receipt of the order. The petitioner states that in spite of his best efforts, he could not procure an alternative vehicle.

Almost five years have elapsed from the date of the order. The very purpose of granting permit in favour of the petitioner was defeated. On account of grant of permit in favour of the petitioner, the other persons were not permitted to ply their buses on the said route. In fact, the petitioner has caused extensive loss to the Government by not paying the tax for all these years by not plying the bus and even the travelling public was put to inconvenience. This Court does not find any ground to extend the time at this stage.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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23.09.2005

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